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North Korean Army General Headquarters

- On 10 July the general headquarters of the North Korean army was in a dugout at the foot of a hill at YD-4533. Approximately 300 North Korean soldiers began building the dugout in February. The dugout was finished in May. Four hundred North Korean troops were stationed around the headquarters.

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Government Offices

3. In June 1952 the North Korean Supreme People's Committee was at approximately 125-54, 39-07 (YD-511329), in a group of large Korean-style buildings at the foot of a hill. The North Korean Ministry of Culture and Propaganda was at approximately 125-45, 39-02 (YD-383233), in the former provincial government building of South Pyongan Province.
4. In June the following North Korean governmental offices were at approximately 125-45, 39-02 (YD-388240), in four long caves with entrances in the Ch'ongnupyok cliff along the Taedong-gang and in about 40 caves whose entrances were on the slope facing the KyongsangkoI valley: a branch office of the South Pyongan Provincial Police Bureau; a branch office of the P'yongyang City Police Bureau; the P'yongyang City Prosecutor's office; and a branch of the 65 Arsenal.
5. In June the following North Korean governmental offices were at approximately 125-45, 30-02 (YD-386247), northeast of Konokol in ten caves on the slope of a hill and in two white, single story buildings: the Supreme Court,³ and a branch office of the South Pyongan Provincial Police Bureau. There were also some North Korean troops at this point.
6. In June the following North Korean governmental offices were at approximately 125-45, 39-02 (YD-386239), in seven caves next to the main road and tram car line to Ch'angjon-ri: a branch office of the Ministry of Social Security; a branch office of the South Pyongan Provincial Police Bureau; and a branch office of the P'yongyang City Police Bureau.
7. In June a branch of the North Korean government was in a cave on the east side of Sogi-san at approximately 125-45, 38-01 (YD-381215). About ten sedan automobiles were generally parked in front of the closely guarded cave entrance. A Soviet organization was at Yanch'on (125-45, 38-01) (YD-379219), in the former foreign settlement at P'yongyang. In June the area was off limits for the local Korean population.

South Pyongan Provincial Department⁴ of the Ministry of Internal Affairs

8. In early July the South Pyongan Provincial Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, a police agency, was in a cave and about 10 houses 1.5 kilometers northwest of Moran-bong at Kirim-ni (approximately 125-45, 39-02) (YD-3824), P'yongyang. This department was charged with receiving criminals from county police stations, re-examining them, and assigning them to the coal mines as compulsory laborers. This department, which employed 230 people, was holding 125 male and 25 female prisoners for examination.

Prison

9. In June the P'yongyang Prison was at approximately 125-45, 39-00 (YD-380208).

Army Camp

10. On 15 June a North Korean army camp for transient troops moving to or from the front, quartering 800 to 1,000 men, was at the former P'yongyang Arsenal at approximately 125-44, 38-59 (YD-362188). The camp quarters were in a two-story red brick building; and when this became overcrowded, private houses near the camp were used. The camp was commanded by Senior Colonel CHANG (fnu), aged 40, a native of South Hamgyong Province.

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1. Comment. According to another report, in late May 1952 the North Korean Army General Headquarters was at Kanji-r1 (125-50, 39-07) (YD-4533), 4 kilometers east of the Yongsong railroad station. In late June 1952, the North Korean Army General Headquarters was in a large underground air raid shelter under a hill at approximately 125-50, 39-07 (YD-4433).

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2. Comment. According to available information as of 4 July 1952, the 384 Unit is an engineering unit attached to the general headquarters of the North Korean army.

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3. Comment. It is not clear whether this is the highest North Korean court or a lower court.

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4. Comment. This is probably a subordinate office of the provincial department, rather than the main office of the department itself.

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